

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	§	
Howlid et al.	§	
	§	Group Art Unit: 3663
Serial No.: 10/552,795	§	
	§	Examiner: Scott A. Hughes
Confirmation No.: 4505	§	
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Filed: July 13, 2006	§	
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For: ACTIVE STEERING FOR MARINE	§	Atty Dkt.: 14.0228-PCT-US
SEISMIC SOURCES	§	(WGEC0075)
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 11, 2008**

In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2008 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 11, 2008, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Although Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-3882/WGEC0075, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

The claims that are currently pending are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.